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SUBJECT: (U) VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: OCTOBER 11 - OCTOBER 17
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1. (C) SUMMARY. THE WEEK OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF LAST YEAR'S OCTOBER COUP BROUGHT NO RESPITE FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEKS' HIGH LEVEL OF VIOLENCE. HOWEVER, NEITHER DID THE WEEK BRING THE SPECTACULAR ACTS OF TERRORISM EXPECTED BY SOME TO COINCIDE WITH THE ANNIVERSAY. EMPASSY COUNTED AT LEAST 195 PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING THE WEEK. A LARGE BUT UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL DEATHS OCCURRED DURING A MILITARY OPERATION AGAINST GUERRILLAS IN MORAZAN DEPARTMENT. END SUMMARY.
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2. DEATHS: AT LEAST 195 PEOPLE WERE VICTIMS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR IN THE WEEK OCTOBER 11-17. OF THESE EMBASSY WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY THIRTY KILLED BY LEFTISTS, SIXTEEN BY RADICAL RIGHT GROUPS AND ONLY SIX BY THE MILITARY. THE BALANCE, 143, WERE KILLED BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS.
3. (C) EMBASSY TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REPEAT THAT THE WEEKLY CASUALTY COUNT IS BASED STRICTLY ON INFORMATION WHICH WE CONSIDER CREDIBLE. IT IS A CONSERVATIVE COUNT; WE KNOW THAT AT LEAST THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE CITED IN THE WEEKLY FIGURE WERE KILLED, THERE COULD HAVE BEEN -- AND PROBABLY WERE-- MANY MORE.
4. (C) THIS WEEK'S COUNT IS ESPECIALLY AFFECTED. WE KNOW THAT THE MILITARY WAS ACTIVE THIS WEEK AND THAT SIX REPORTED DEAD FAILS TO INCLUDE CONFRONTATIONS IN MORAZAN DEPARTMENT, WHERE THE ARMY AND SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN ENGAGED INTO

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THE SECOND WEEK OF A MAJOR OPERATION AGAINST GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENTS. REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE OPERATION MAY HAVE CAUSED DEATHS OF 200 OR MORE GUERRILLAS, ALTHOUGH UNAFFILIATED VILLAGERS ARE PERHAPS ALSO AMONG THE CASUALTIES. WE WILL REPORT THIS FURTHER SEPARATELY, IN COOPERATION WITH THE DATT AND THE COMUSMILGP. CASUALTIES IN THE MORAZAN OPERATION ARE THUS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS WEEKLY COUNT.
5. (U) INCIDENTS:
--ON 10/11 NEAR CANTON EL CONGO (SANTA ANA) AN UNKNOWN GROUP OF ASSAILAN
S DRESSED IN OLIVE DRAB ATTACKED A RURAL SECTOR AND KILLED FOURTEEN RESIDENTS;
--ON 10/11 A GROUP OF ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE MEN IDENTIFIED AS FPL MEMBERS ATTEMPTED TO SET OFF INCENDIARY BOMBS AT A SANTA
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ANA WAREHOUSE BUT, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, WERE HELD AT BAY BY TWO WATCHMEN UNTIL POLICE ARRIVED ONE HALF HOUR LATER;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/11 THE CANTON OF LAS PIEDRITAS, CUYULTITAN (SONSONATE) WAS TAKEN OVER AND SACKED BY GUERRILLAS;
--DURING THE EVENING OF 10/12 A LARGE NUMBER OF BOMBS EXPLODED IN THE AREA IN AND AROUND SAN SALVADOR ONE OF WHICH CAUSED A POWER BLACKOUT FOR NEARLY ONE HOUR THROUGHOUT THE CITY;
--ON OR ABOT 10/12 THREE SUPPOSED MEMBERS OF FAPU WERE CAPTURED IN SAN SALVADOR AND ACCUSED OF PARTICIPATING IN THE 10/3 ASSAULT ON A SAN SALVADOR BANK WHICH LEFT ABOUT SEVENTEEN PEOPLE DEAD;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/12 AUTHORITIES IN CHALANTENANGO DEACTIVATED AT LEAST TWO BOMBS WHICH WERE PLACED BY THE ANTEL BUILDING AND A GASOLINE STATION;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/12 NEAR LA UNION A TREASURY POLICE TROOPER WAS INJURED WHEN A GROUP ATTACKED THE VEHICLE IN WHICH HE WAS RIDING;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/12 TWO PEOPLE DIED AND THREE WERE INJURED WHEN GUERRILLAS ATTACKED CASERIO LOS PLANES, TEJUTEPEQUE (CABANAS);
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--ON 10/13 IN SAN MIGUEL AN ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING OF A JUDGE FAILED WHEN THE JUDGE CRASHED HIS CAR INTO A HOUSE CAUSING HIS PURSUERS TO GIVE UP THE CHASE;
--ON 10/13 FIVE REPORTED MEMBERS OF THE FPL TRIED TO SET FIRE TO THE DEPARTMENTAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN SONSONATE, APPARENTLY SUCCEEDING IN AT LEAST PARTIALLY DESTROYING CENSUS RECORDS;
--ON 10/13 BOMBS DID SERIOUS DAMAGE TO SAN MIGUEL'S "LEMON" STORE;
--ON 10/13 BOMBS WERE PLACED AT A CAESS (ELCTRIC LIGHT COMPANY OF EL SALVADOR) INSTALLATION NEAR SAN MIGUEL BUT DID NO DAMAGE SINCE THEY FAILED TO EXPLODE;
--ON 10/13 IN SAN SALVADOR WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN VICTOR KEILHAUER WAS SET FREE AFTER SIX MONTHS AS THE GUEST OF THE
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FPL; THE RANSOM HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN; KEILHAUER--- WHO LOST 50 POUNDS WHILE IN HIS "PEOPLE'S PRISON" HAS LEFT FOR THE U.S.;
--ON 10/14 A LARGE NUMBER OF GUERRILLAS SIMULTANEOUSLY ATTACKED THE NATIONAL GUARD, THE NATIONAL POLICE, THE TREASURY POLICE, THE LOCAL CONSTABLULARY AND THE JAIL IN SUCHITOTO (CUSCATLAN); SUBSEQUENTLY, A FARN BULLETIN CALAIMED THAT THEY HAD KILLED SIXTY PEOPLE IN THAT OPERATION BUT THE MILITARY DENIED THIS SAYING THAT THE GUERRILLAS ONLY KILLED FOUR;
--ON 10/14 A NATIONAL GUARD PATROL IN JAYAQUE (LA LIBERTAD) SURPRISED AND KILLED TWO GUERRILLAS ATTEMPTING TO ROB A GASOLINE STATION;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/14 A GROUP DRESSED IN OLIVE DRABS AND WITH

THEIR FACES COVERED ASSAULTED A BUS NEAR CANTON CUCHILLAS, SANTIAGO TEXACUANGOS (SAN SALVADOR) AND KILLED BOTH THE DRIVER AND THE FARE COLLECTOR;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/14 A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS KILLED A RESIDENT OF CANTON LA HERRADURA (LA PAZ) IN ADDITION TO PILLAGING AND VANDALIZING THE TOWN;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/14 A SAN MIGUEL WOMAN AND HER SEVEN SONS WERE ARRESTED AFTER A SEARCH OF THEIR HOUSE UNCOVERED A QUANTITY OF ARMS AND PROPAGANDA;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/14 GUERRILLAS KILLED ONE OF A GROUP OF SOLDIERS THAT THEY HAD ATTACKED ON THE ROAD BETWEEN SAN VICENTE AND ZACATECOLUCA;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/14 GUERRILLAS KILLED ONE MEMBER OF A TREASURY POLICE PATROL NEAR SAN MARCOS LEMPA (USULUTAN);
--ON 10/14 THE PRTC (REVOLUTIONARY PARTY OF CENTRAL AMERICAN WORKERS) CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTACKS AGAINST A CEL PLANT, THE SAN CARLOS GARRISON, AND IN THE AREA OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY;
--ON 10/15 REPORTS WERE PUBLISHED OF CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN GUERRILLA GROUPS AND THE MILITARY IN APOPA (SAN SALVADOR),

NEJAPA (SAN SALVADOR), HUIZUCAR (LA LIBERTAD) AND SAN MARTIN (SAN SALVADOR);
--ON 10/15 COPREFA --THE MILITARY PRESS OFFICE --RELEASED A REPORT OF LARGE NUMBERS OF GUERRILLAS KILLED BY THE MILITARY IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY;
--ON 10/15 GUERRILLAS ATTACKED A SOYAPANGO (SAN SALVADOR) BUT TERMINAL LEAVING SEVERAL BUSES DAMANGED;
--ON 10/15 A MAJOR CONFRONTATION OCCURRED WHEN GUERRILLAS ATTACKED THE TOWN OF VERAPAZ (SAN VICENTE); ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER KILLED INITIALLY RANGED AS HIGH AS FORTY BUT IT APPEARS THAT LESS THAN HALF THAT NUMBER ACTUALLY DIED;
--ON 10/15 IN CIUDAD DELGADO (SAN SALVADOR) TREASURY POLICE INTERRUPTED AN ATTEMPT BY EXTREMIST ELEMENTS TO BLOCK TRAFFIC BY CROSSING BUSES IN THE ROADWAY; THE POLICE KILLED TWO;
--ON 10/15 BUS DRIVERS STAGED A SHORT WORK STOPPAGE TO PROTEST THE DESTRUCTION OF BUSES AND THE CONTINUING ATTACKS AGAINST DRIVERS;
--ON 10/15 THREE BUSES WERE BURNED IN THE SAN MARCOS (SAN SALVADOR) TERMINAL;
--ON 10/15 A BUS DRIVER WAS INJURED AFTER REFUSING TO USE HIS BUS TO BLOCK TRAFFIC;
--ON 10/15 A GUERRILLA GROUP AMBUSHED A BUS NEAR SONSONATE SETTING IT AFIRE AFTER FORCING THE PASSENGERS OFF THE BUS AND ROBBING THEM;
--ON 10/15 TWO ATTACKS AGAINST SECURITY FORCES WERE REPORTED TO HAVE OCCURED IN SANTA ANA;
--ON 10/16 THE FPL SENT A MESSAGE TO VARIOUS RADIO STATIONS

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CLAIMING THAT IT HAD NOT KILLED PDC OFFICIAL MELVI ORELLANA;
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--ON 10/16 IN SAN SALVADOR THE SAME AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE BANK WHICH WAS ATTACKED ON 10/3 WAS BLOWN UP BY TWO BOMBS;
--ON 10/16 A BOMB EXPLODED OUTSIDE THE SEARS STORE IN SAN SALVADOR;
--ON 10/16 PART OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN APOPA (SAN SALVADOR) WAS SET AFIRE BY GUERRILLAS;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/16 NEAR TEPETITAN A BUS WAS ATTACKED BY GUERRILLAS AND THE PASSENGERS ROBBED;
--ON OR ABOUT 10/16 GUERRILLAS KILLED THREE PEOPLE AND INJURED FIVE OTHERS DURING A RAID AGAINST THE HACIENLA LA CANOA NEAR JIQUILISCO (USULUTAN);
--ON OR ABOUT 10/16 THE TOWN OF SAN ESTEBAN CATARINA (SAN VICENTE) WAS TAKEN OVER BY GUERRILLAS WHO SET FIRE TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND SACKED THE ANTEL BUILDING;
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--DURING THE EVENING OF 10/17 AT LEAST TEN BOMBS EXPLODED IN AND AROUND SAN SALVADOR.
6. (C) RETROSPECTIVE: A MEMBER [redacted] B1,EC
[redacted] TOLD POLOFF ON OCTOBER 18 THAT MANY [redacted] ARE BEAMING RIGHTISTS FOR THE OCTOBER 10 MURDER OF [redacted] MELVI ORELLANA. THE SOURCE INDICATED THAT WHILE JRG MEMBERS DURATE AND MORALES EHRLICH CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT LEFTISTS KILLED ORELLANA, OTHERS SEE THE EARMARKS OF A RIGHTIST KILLING IN LAST WEEK'S ASSASSINATION.
7. (C) THE SAME SOURCE TOLD POLOFF THAT [redacted] HAVE B1,EC
RECENTLY BEEN SUBJECTED TO A GROWING NUMBER OF THREATS AGAINST THEIR LIVES. HE SPECULATED THAT THESE THREATS WILL BEGIN TO BE CARRIED OUT SINCE WHOEVER KILLED ORELLANA ESCAPED

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WITH A NOTEBOOK CONTAINING THE NAMES, ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF VIRTUALLY EVERY [redacted]

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2. (U) WEEKEND UPDATE: ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 18 A LARGE BOMB EXPLODED IN A MAJOR SUPERMARKET IN SAN SALVADOR. ALSO, A VERY LOUD BOMB EXPLODED TODAY, OCTOBER 19, IN DOWNTOWN SAN SALVADOR.WE DO NOT YET KNOW ITS PRECISE LOCATION.
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